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: **PROTEIN OF *MYCOBACTERIUM***
: ***TUBERCULOSIS***
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified patent application
as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.